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I have the honour to refer to paragraph 13 of Security Council resolution 986 (1995) by which the Council requested me to take the actions necessary to ensure the effective implementation of that resolution and to report to it when I had done so.

On 15 May 1995 I received His Excellency Mr. Mohammed Al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq, who informed me that his Government would not implement resolution 986 (1995) because it objected, inter alia, to the proportion of petroleum to be exported via the Kirkuk-Yumurtalik pipeline and to the modalities for distribution of humanitarian relief in three northern governorates. I expressed my regret at that decision and urged the Government to reconsider it. I also stated the Secretariat's readiness to enter into discussions with Iraq on practical arrangements for implementing the resolution.

After undertaking a thorough review of the steps required to implement the resolution, I have concluded that cooperation from the Government of Iraq is an essential prerequisite. I believe it appropriate, therefore, to postpone preparation of the report required of me under paragraph 13 of resolution 986 (1995) until further progress has been made in discussions on the subject with Iraq.

I would be grateful if you would bring this information to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI

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